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: Group Art Unit 2655

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MULTI-SOURCE SURROUND AUDIO  
APPARATUS

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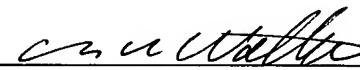
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Respectfully submitted,

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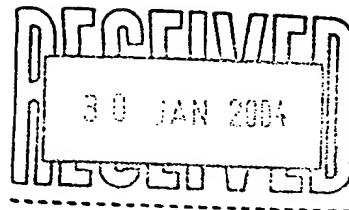
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#### SEARCH REPORT

The Search Report for this application has been established and a copy of it is attached. This application will proceed to publication in accordance with section 27 of the Patents Act (Cap. 221).

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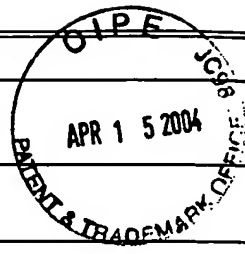
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